



Section 16

LAC Performance Validation

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Dark Current Stability



- Dark Earth Views: Nominally Obtained Within 1 Orbit of DCE
 - Analyzed ~ 1000 Darks
 - Excluding Non-responsive Pixels, Array Means Typically Agree to < 1 Count
 - Inter-DCE Standard Deviations ~ 2 3 Counts
- ◆ Lunar Calibration: Effectively Extended DCEs
 - Compare Darks at Beginning and End of Scan
 - Dark Current Statistics Similar to Inter-DCE Statistics
- Additional Non-responsive Pixels Since Launch
 - ~400 Pixels at Launch, ~ 1500 Now
 - Two Major Instances (Several Hundred Pixels)
 - Small Mortality Otherwise (1-2 /day)
 - No Major Impact on Task



In-Flight Calibration



Solar Calibration

- Radiometric Calibration (Relative and Absolute)
- Radiometric Stability
- Variable Light Level Response
- "Fixed Pattern" Noise Correction

Lunar Calibration

- Radiometric Calibration
- Image Quality
- Extended Duration Dark Current Stability

♦ Surface Targets

Radiometric/ Spectral Calibration (Ground Campaigns)

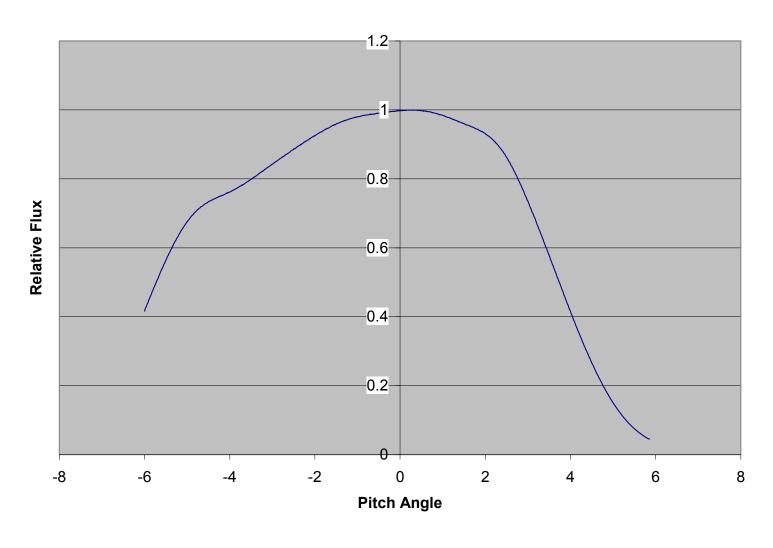
Dark Earth Looks

Dark Current Stability



Solar Scan Pitch Angle Dependence







Fixed Pattern Calibration

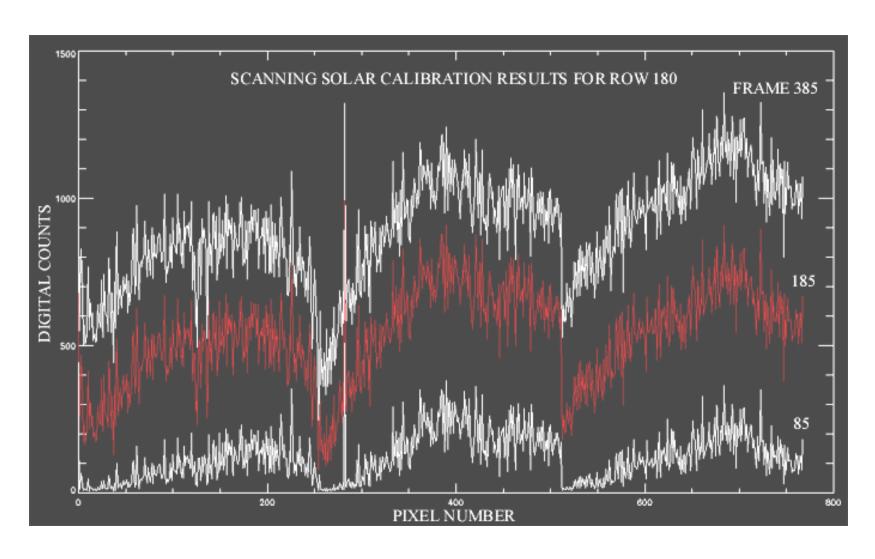


- ◆ Large nearly additive "fixed pattern" contribution to signal
- Became apparent after launch
- Constant in position
- Constant in time
- ◆ Reduces low illumination accuracy for some pixels
- Requires measurements unaffected by atmospheric absorption
- Corrected using scanning solar calibration



"Fixed Pattern" Signal







SNR (30% albedo, 60 ° Solar Angle)



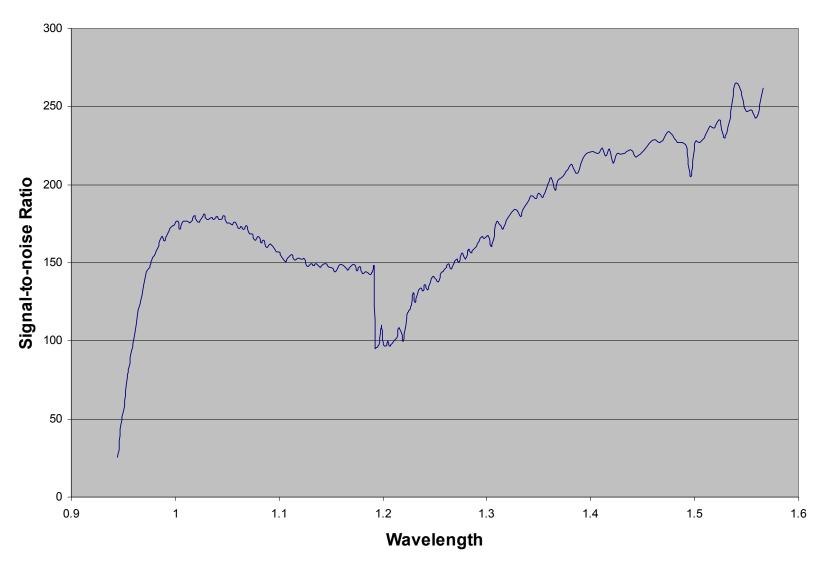
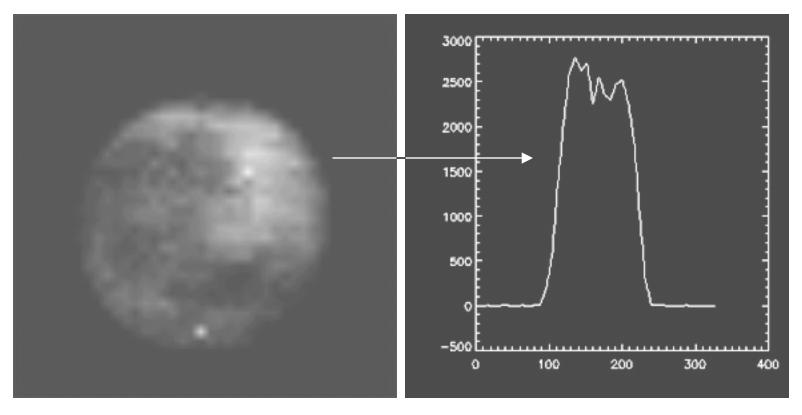




Image Quality (Edge Sharpness)



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Lunar Image Expanded by a Factor of 8

Horizontal Slice Through Expanded Lunar Image Rise and Fall About 1 Pixel in Normal Image.



Calibration Summary



Preliminary radiometric calibration based on solar cals

- Residual non-uniformities typically < 50 counts
- Larger effect on some pixels
- Large non-linear effects for some pixels at low illumination levels caused by non-subtracting pattern
- Secondary non-linearity in pixel response in InGaAS arrays at low illumination
- Addressed with scanning solar calibration and surface flat fields

Lunar and Ground Calibration

- Lunar model
- Ground calibration collaboration with Hyperion
- Surface sites



In-Flight Operation

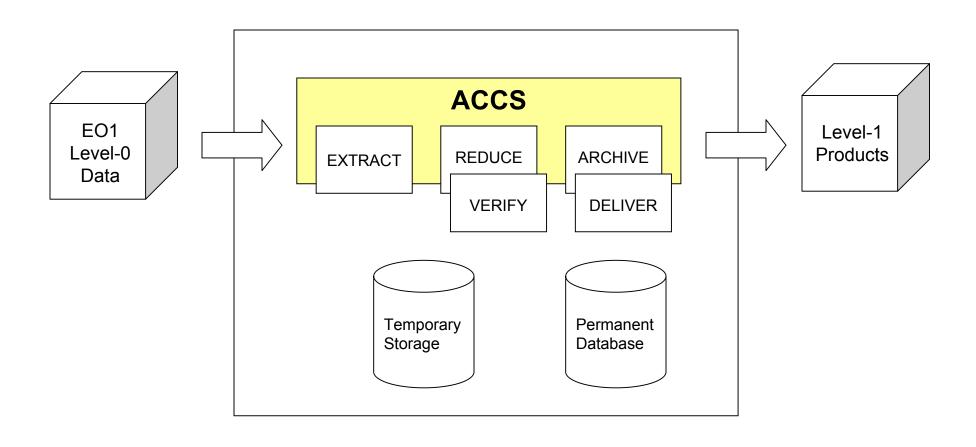


- Data Collection Event (DCE)
 - Instrument activated 10 minutes before DCE
 - Dark Earth view obtained within one orbit
- Selectable Parameters
 - Frame rate (30 & 60 Hz) nominal 30 Hz
 - Array temperatures nominal 275 K (265,280 and 285 options)
- ◆ L0 data processed at GSFC DPF
- L1 data processed by AC Calibration Team
 - Will continue for immediate future
 - Includes calibration and Geo-location



LAC Calibration System







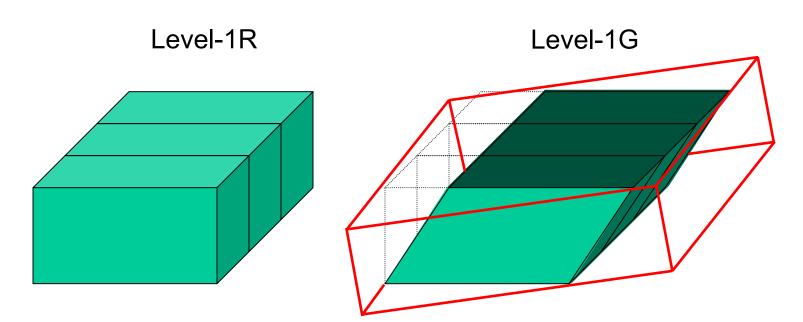
Science Data Formats



◆ Band Sequential (BSQ)

- instrument clock, header data
- pixel pointing map, filter frequency map
- spacecraft meta data (YYYY_DDD_lac/gps/acs.hdf)

$$I_{i,j,t} \Rightarrow I_{x,y,v}$$

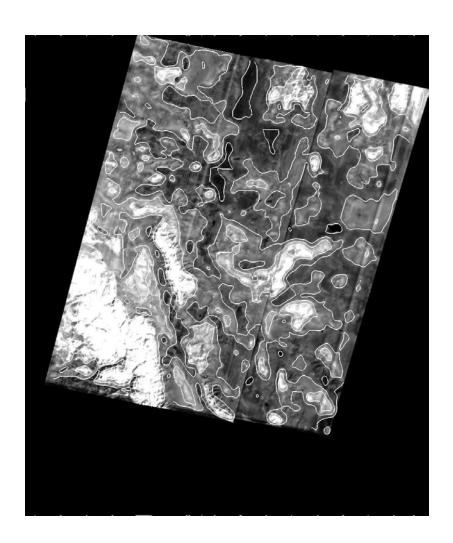


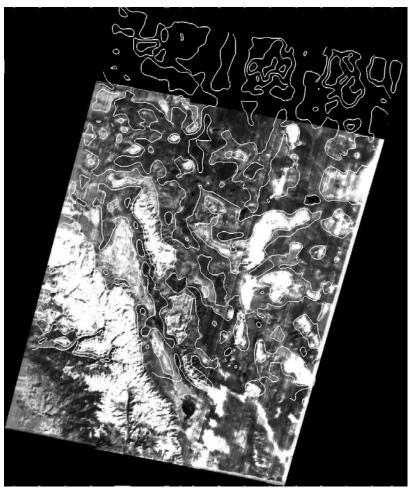


Band Alignment



Scan of Cuprite, NV 1200 frames

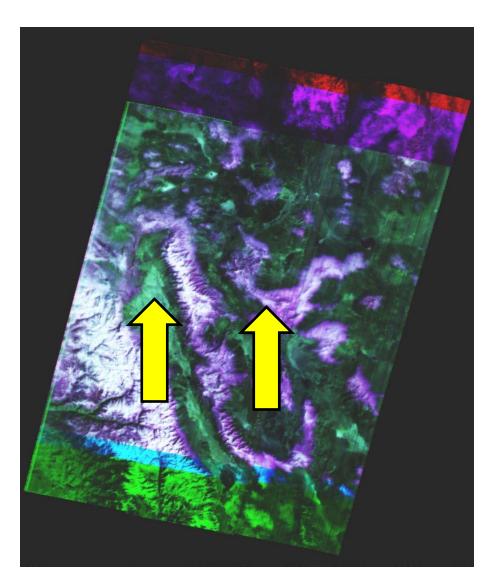






Color Composite Images



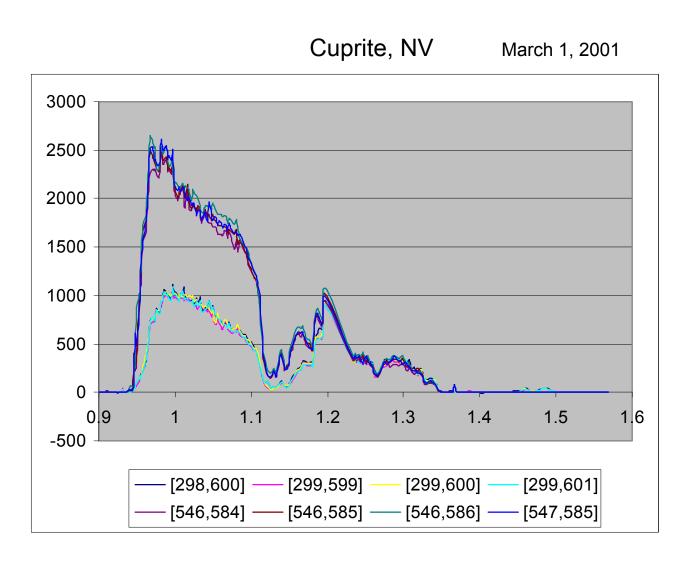


Cuprite, NV March 1, 2001 red=1.32, green=1.03, blue=0.98 (μm)



Spectra







Status

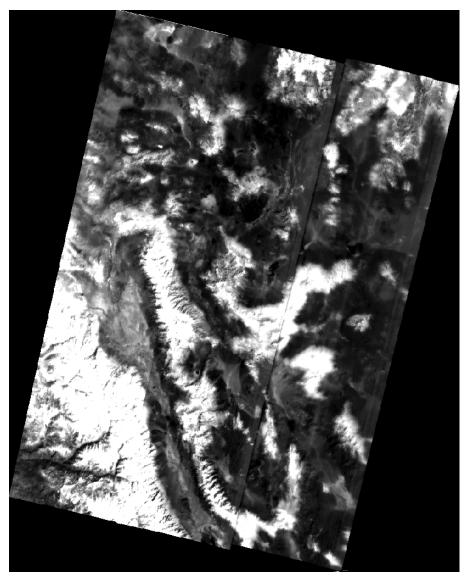


- Purely Operational: Complete
 - Commands perform as expected
 - Single Issue: Red limit temperature reached in long duration events
- ◆ L1R Processing Software: 90% Complete
- ◆ Radiometric Calibration: 50% Complete
 - Non-linear correction being implemented
 - Mid-August projected completion date
- ◆ Geo-rectification Algorithms: 80% Complete
- Collaboration Welcomed



Scenes





Cuprite, NV

Scene-ID: EO10410342001060111PP

Lake Frome

Scene-ID: EO10970812001021111PP

Rochester, NY

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Snake River

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Suez Canal

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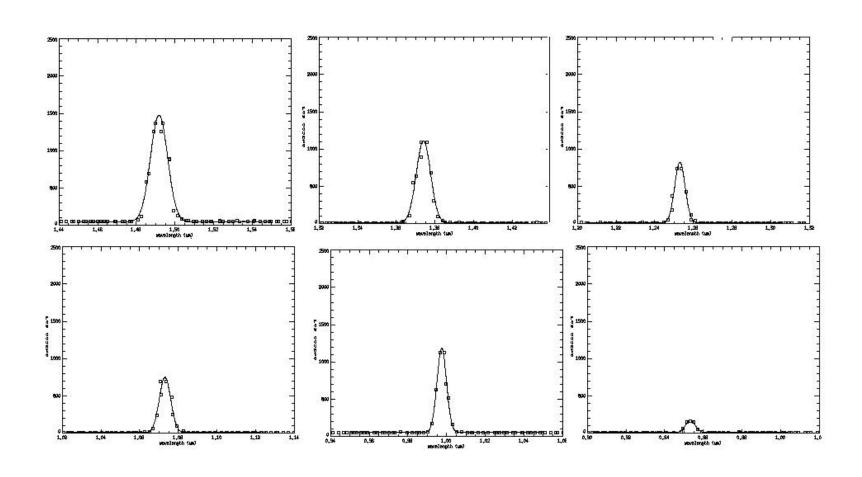
Venice

Scene-ID: EO11920282001158112PP



Spectral Calibration (Pixel)



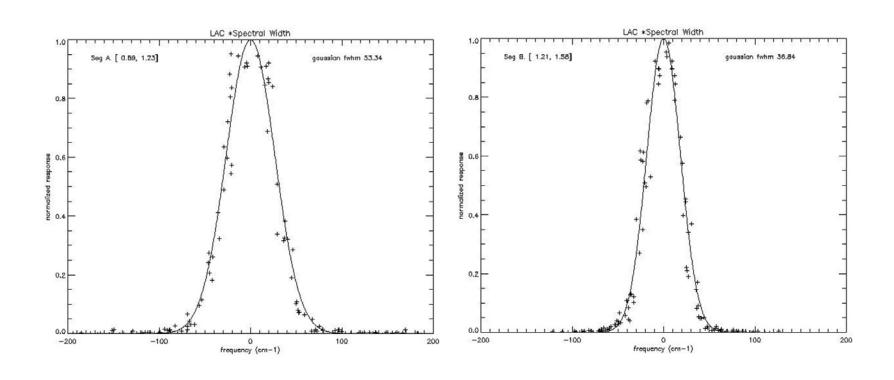




Spectral Calibration (Global)



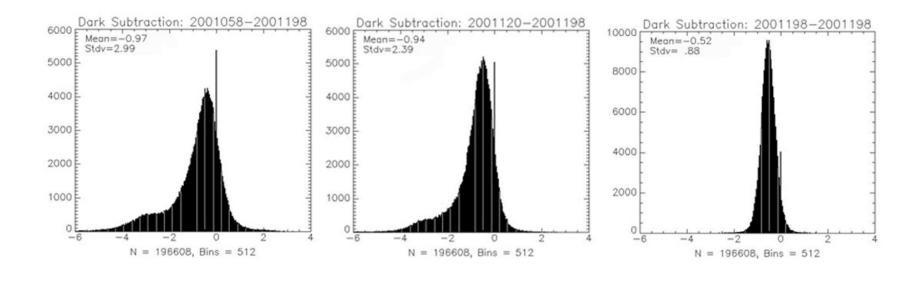
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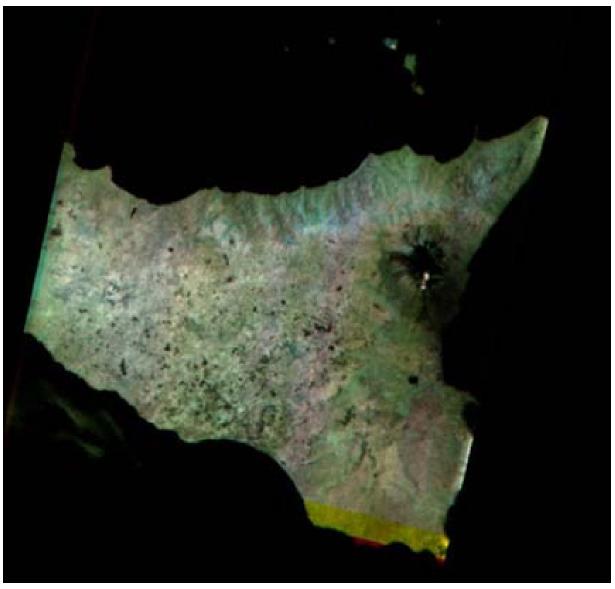
Dark Current Evolution







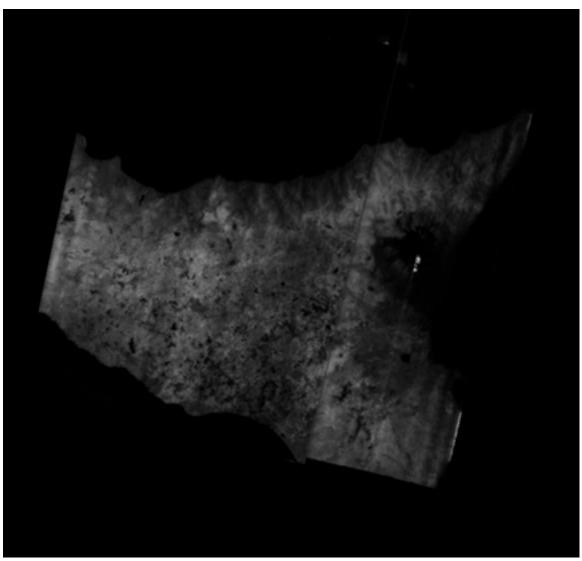




- Red 1.275 μm
- Blue 0.988 μm
- Green 1.083 μm



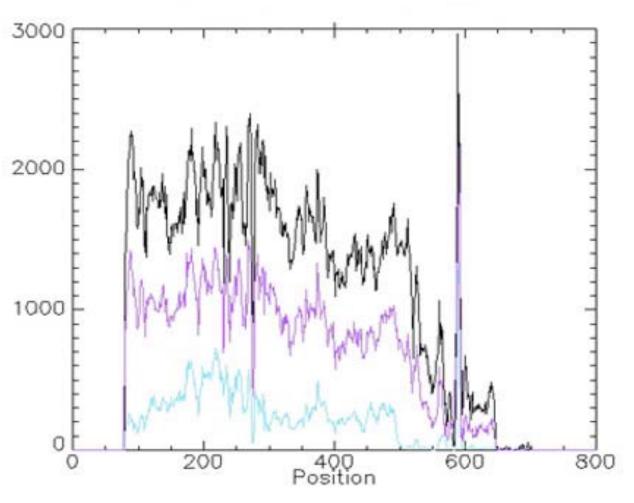




0.988 μm



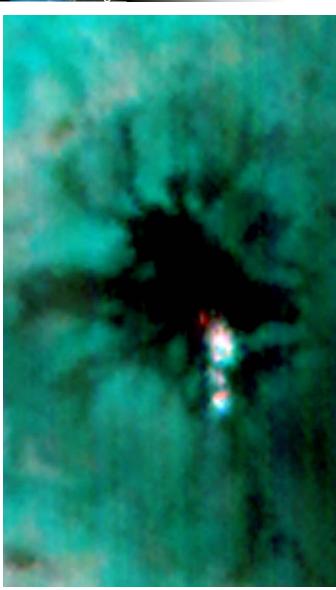




- ♦ Black 1.005 μm
- Purple 1.080 μm
- Blue 1.097 μm







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- **♦ Red 1.523** μ**m**
- ♦ Green 0.988 μm
- **◆ Blue 1.005** μ**m**

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